

Special Ad Hoc – Flash Flood of 2009 Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2009
6:31 P.M.
Third Floor, City Hall

Present: Co-Chair: CW Green
Co-Chair: CM Johnson
Members: CW Ward-Pugh, CW Welch, CW Hamilton

Also Present: CW Woolridge, CM Hawkins, CM Tandy, CM Owen

Co-Chair Johnson began the meeting by announcing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Co-Chair Johnson announced a meeting would be the next Wednesday, August 26th, at 6:30 p.m. for public comment. Speakers will be asked to sign up and be given three minutes each to speak.

Special Items For Discussion

INFORMATION ON FLOOD

Bud Schardein, Metropolitan Sewer District, gave a presentation and answered questions. The following was discussed:

- How combined sewer operates
- Rainfall totals
 - How figured
 - Benefit to MSD
- Third worst flash flood in history
- Drainage issues in West Louisville
- Catch basins
 - Approximately 63,000
 - 15 month cleaning cycle
 - Will clean upon request
- Main drainage channels
- Abuse of drainage systems
- Role and importance of flood pumping plants
- What causes the river to flood
- Previous floods
- Changing weather patterns
- Backflow Prevention Program
- Tree plantings
 - Help absorb water
- Citizens Advisory Group
 - Locations for underground storage
- Consent Decree
- Relocation program

Julius Gibbons, FEMA, gave a presentation and answered questions. The following was discussed:

- Outreach program
- Importance of registering with FEMA
 - Regardless of amount of water damage
 - Even if have insurance
- Disaster declaration
- Assistance not based on income levels
 - Case by case basis

- Renters can receive assistance for personal property
- Disaster Recovery Center
- Does not cover food, that is handled on a state and local level

Jack Kemp, Small Business Association, gave a presentation and answered questions. The following was discussed:

- SBA offers low interest rate loans for homeowners, renters and business owners
- Designed to fund up to 100% of uninsured losses
- Timeframe to receive assistance
- Churches and non-profits are eligible and are treated as businesses

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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